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SHIPPING.

ARE VALS.

March 14, SIGNAL, German steamer, 884, Hindewardt, Macao 14th March, General—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 14, FOOKANG, British steamer, 950, Hogg, Shanghai 10th March, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

March 14, KONG BENG, British steamer, 862, R. Jones, Bangkok 6th March, General—YUEN FAT HONG.

March 14, SWAN, American brig, 276, Henderson, Pellew's 5th March, General—BLACKHEAD & Co.

March 14, BLACKADDER, American ship, 917, E. Rose, Newnes (N.S.W.) 26th January, Coals—RUSSELL & Co.

March 14, ESK, British s.s., Cochrane, Swatow 13th March.

March 15, AERIAL, British steamer, 1,492, Ellis, Sydney 19th February, and Port Darwin 5th March, General—RUSSELL & Co.

March 15, HAIFONG, British steamer, 277, F. D. Goddard, Swatow 14th March, General—DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & Co.

March 15, ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, Talbot, Amoy 14th March, General—RUSSELL & Co.

March 15, SURAK, British steamer, 1,876, C. R. Edwards, Shanghai 13th March, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 15, THISTLE, British steamer, 1,871, W. D. Mudie, Yokohama 7th March, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 15, GARDENCOKE, British steamer, 973, Cass, from Whampoa—ORDER.

March 15, MERLIA, British s.s., from Canton.

March 15, CLEOPATRA, British corv., Henry N. Hippisley, Amoy 13th March.

March 15, AMARITA, British steamer, 522, Th. Hanlin, Haiphong 6th March, and Hothow 14th General—RUSSELL & Co.

March 15, EMU, Spanish steamer, 240, F. Blanco, Manila 12th March, General—DE MEDIO & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

14TH MARCH.

Nanhai, British str., for Swatow.

Signal, German str., for Holloway.

Fekien, British str., for Swatow.

Ningpo, British str., for Shanghai.

Bentarig, British str., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

MARCH 14, MASSALA, German str., for Saigon.

MARCH 14, AXTON, German str., for Swatow.

MARCH 14, BENVENUTO, British str., for Saigon.

MARCH 14, SWIFT, British gun-vessel, for Tam-sui.

MARCH 14, FOXFIRE, British str., for Coast Ports.

MARCH 14, NINGO, British str., for Shanghai.

MARCH 14, FOOKANG, British str., for Whampoa.

MARCH 14, ENTERPRISE, Amr. corv., for Whampoa.

MARCH 15, NIANZHAI, British str., for Swatow.

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PASSENGERS.

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I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. LISTER, Treasurer.
The Hon. W. H. March, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

With reference to the above the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to constitute a board for the further consideration of the subject:

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer (Chairman).
The Harbour Master or Acting Harbour Master.

The Captain Superintendent of Police,
The Superintendent of the Gaol,
Mr. A. G. Wise,
Mr. N. J. Ede,
Mr. D. R. P. Crawford.

THE HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
The following is the report of the Hongkong Public School for 1884-5.

The Committee of the Hongkong Public School are to be thanked for their interest and care beyond that shown by the late Report. The year 1883 closed with an attendance of thirty-three while 1884 closed with one of forty-six. The average attendance for the year amounted to a little over 30. The number of students has been 21, and there have been 7 withdrawals. The withdrawal rate is thus explained.—One of the boys has applied to the school for English.

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SHANGHAI.

Forging of trade-marks, an offence so very frequently met with in Japan, is comparatively but seldom heard of in China; a rather singular fact, considering to what unlimited extent Celestials will pursue the forging of coin, etc.

However, a case of the above-named description was heard of at the Mixed Courts on the 10th inst., when the *Lightning* was charged against some Chinese printers with having forged a trade-mark, and a native shopkeeper in Shanghai, the former two defendants being charged with printing the labels, and the shopkeeper with selling the article, to which had been fixed the spurious trade-mark. There were produced at the Court ten boxes, of four dozen sets, of *Lightning* and *Lightning* bearing the label of the New York *Advertiser*, Mr. T. C. Moore, better known as the "Gull Bearer," was present. He had given a reward for several misprints it would have been rather difficult to detect the forgery. The cuts and type used for printing were also produced. The printers pleaded their innocence by stating that they were not aware for what purpose the labels were intended, the shopkeeper merely ordering the labels to be printed, for which job they were going to receive 40 cents per hundred. The shopkeeper stated that he bought the milk at a foreigner's auction. Mr. Mustard, of

Messrs. Mustard & Co., also appeared; they are agents for the "Engie Brand." On opening a tin of the milk it was found to be of very bad quality. The Magistrate, probably satisfied by the prosecution, imposed a fine of £100 on Mr. Moore, who waived the case on behalf of the Municipality, ordered each of the two printers to pay £50 fine, or in default to go to the chain gang for one year. The case of the other defendant, the shopkeeper, was remanded to trial.

THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT FOR THE SUDAN.

The Sydney Morning Herald received by the E. A. steamer *Avalon* yesterday, is full of the preparations then (19th February) going on for the despatch of the New South Wales contingent to Egypt. The greatest excitement and enthusiasm prevailed, and volunteers were pouring in from the country. On the 18th February, 1885, were passed at the Brigade Office, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, and many more rejected on account of constitutional defects, the examination being very rapid. About 300 have been passed so far. A large proportion of the troops are natives of New South Wales. A goodly number of horses were also selected and purchased, while transport and commissariat arrangements were being actively pushed on. The formation of an ambulance corps was to take place on the 19th ult.

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SATURDAY, 14th March.
OF COTTON.

Quotations are \$330 per picul, ales of 2
Malwa (New) \$330 per picul, ales of 2
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EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand \$36
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight \$36
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight \$36
Creditis, at 3 months sight \$36
Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight \$36
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand \$45
Crates, at 3 months sight \$45
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days sight \$22
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days sight \$22
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight \$24
Private, 30 days sight \$24

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—\$18
per cent, premium ex. div.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—
\$460 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—
\$80 per share.

North China Insurance—The 235 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—The 130 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$175 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—The 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$321 per share.

Indo-China Navigation Co.'s Shares—
30 per cent, discount.

China and Manchurian Steamship Company, Limited—
30 per cent, discount.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—Par nominal.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$120 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—101.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—
nominal, Bawas.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$142 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—
\$140 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—
\$25 per share.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$13 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—The 35 per share.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—
\$63 per share, Buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—4 per cent, dis-

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Factors & Co's Registers.)

March 14th.

Temperature—F. & C. 55

Humidity—71

Thermometer—F. (Wet bulb) 55

Thermometer—F. (Wet bulb) 11

Thermometer—F. (Wet bulb) 7

Thermometer—Maximum (wet bulb) 55

Thermometer—Minimum (wet bulb) 51

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

15th to 22nd March, 1885.

HIGH WATER.

Low Water.

Height.

Hongkong Mean Tide.

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